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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 29, 2003
Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., 130
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 6

Members Present: Sen. Thomas Wyss, Chairman; Rep. Tiny Adams; Rep. David Crooks; Rep. Robert Cherry; Rep. Timothy Neese.

Members Absent: Sen. Charles Meeks; Sen. Timothy Skinner; Sen. John Broden.

Chairman Wyss called the sixth and final meeting of the Public Safety Matters Evaluation Committee for the 2003 interim to order at 10:05 a.m.

Indoor Pyrotechnics

Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright spoke regarding Preliminary Draft 3506 (2004); it differs from an earlier draft, PD 3286, as it removes the fireworks insurance provisions. In response to a question from Representative Crooks, Fire Marshal Boatwright reminded the Committee that National Fire Protection Association Standard 1123 applies to outdoor as well as indoor displays of fireworks. The Committee accepted Preliminary Draft 3506 (2004), regarding indoor pyrotechnics by consent.

Impaired Drivers

Chairman Wyss described Resolution 20041483.001 as encouraging medical practitioners to educate members of their professions regarding impairments to driving safety and to alert and counsel their patients and clients of such. Representative Adams thanked Marilyn Cage, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, for working on this topic. The resolution was accepted by consent.

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Motor Vehicle Dealer Bonds

Chairman Wyss expressed his interest in introducing Preliminary Draft 3462 (2004), which requires a motor vehicle dealer bond. In response to Representative Cherry, Chairman Wyss agreed there might be a problem with dealers circumventing the bond, but the bond offers the consumer some protection.

Nelson Becker, representing the Auto Dealers Association, spoke regarding the word 'only' on page 1, line 5, referring to new car dealers. He suggested that new car dealers who also sell used cars be exempt from the draft.

Les Miller, special counsel for the Indiana State Police, noted that a majority of the complaints from consumers stem from the failure of a dealer to deliver the title. It appears to him that some dealers break the law and hope they do not get caught.

Representative Cherry suggested the topic be studied further. A roll call vote on the draft, 3-2, did not receive a majority vote and thus was not approved by the Committee.

Chairman Wyss described Preliminary Draft 3296 (2004), which creates a task force to review consumer complaints regarding motor vehicle dealers and report to the Governor and Legislative Council on its findings. The Committee passed the draft by consent.

Regional Firefighter Training

Fire Marshal Boatwright indicated to the Committee that a report will be produced by the end of December on the feasibility of establishing regional training sites for firefighters. Chairman Wyss commented that the Committee wants to make sure the state's firefighters and others involved in counter-terrorism initiatives all have the appropriate training available. He also thanked Tom Hanify for bringing issues to the Committee's attention. Tom Hanify of the Professional Firefighters Union thanked the Committee in return.

Representative Adams applauded Fire Marshal Boatwright for his efforts. He added that the regional training sites are very much needed, noting that a local fire fighting training center was lost in his district due to budget cutbacks.

Conclusion

Chairman Wyss asked that the draft of the final report be changed: (1) to include a unanimous recommendation that the feasibility of regional firefighter training sites be studied and (2) to remove the language in the draft of the final report regarding consent and approval of the motor vehicle bond draft. The Committee accepted the final report by consent. Chairman Wyss asked the State Police to furnish the Committee with data available as public record regarding the motor vehicle dealers who have had complaints filed against them. Chairman Wyss adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.